GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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INSTITUTE FOR JEWELLERY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to set up an institute for some specific designs of jewellery on the line of National Institute of Fashion Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and (

(c) the time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c): While the Government do not have any plan at present to set up any institute for the jewellery designing, a project under the name of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Centre of Jewellery Design and Manufacture, at a project cost of about Rs.4.8 crores, has been initiated under the auspices of Indian Diamond Institute at Surat. Government of India and State Government of Gujarat have agreed in principle to share most of the capital cost of the Project as contained in the Project Report submitted by IDI, Surat to Government of India. The Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council, Mumbai (GJEPC) which is a representative autonomous body of trade sponsored by the Department of commerce, has informed that they intend to set up Indian Institute of Gems and Jewellery at Mumbai as a subsidiary company under Section 25 of the Companies Act with a view to provide world class training covering areas such as jewellery designing, various manufacturing processes including latest high technology processes, gemology, diamond grading, valuation, marketing and management etc. The total project cost of this Institute as per the GJEPC is estimated to be about Rs.16 crores and GJEPC have already acquired a building at Mumbai at a cost of about Rs.277 lakhs.GJEPC application for Government assistance under the Critical Infrastructure Balancing Scheme is under examination of the Government.GJEPC have informed that they would like to make this institute operational next year.